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First Named Inventor : Katsuya OYAMA
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of these references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the attached Japanese Office Action in the specification of the present invention.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the corresponding Japanese Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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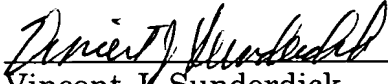
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	AD	JP 2002-262544	09-13-2002	Fujitsu Ltd. Fujitsu VLSI Ltd.		✓
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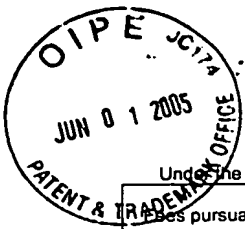
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FEE TRANSMITTAL**For FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 180.00**Complete if Known**

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)
-20 or HP	x	=
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		
Indep. Claims	Extra claims	Fees (\$)
- 3 or HP	x	=
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4. OTHER FEES

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	Fee Paid (\$)
Other Information Disclosure Statement	\$180.00

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